

**VANCOUVER TERRITORY RUNNING TRADES  
WORK PLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
NEXT MEETING July 22, 2009**

Craig Neill	604-999-5510	A	Craig Brown	604-552-1244	A
Brad Thiede	604-944-5702	P	Keith Nordin	604-944-5730	A
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GUESTS: Nil

CHAIRPERSON: Kim Hamilton  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Ranson  
CALL TO ORDER: 09:15

**Job Briefing: Performed**

**Errors and Omissions: Nil**

**EDUCATION and AWARENESS:**

**Pre-departure meetings conducted – reviewed safety instruction and job aids,  
Job aid issued on multi-platform cars – counting axles  
Three job aids issued for Roberts Bank work procedures  
Instructions issued for use of E-devices.**

**Peer Observations**

Number of Observations: 5 days with **40** observations; Total to date - 40  
Number of At Risk: **22** at risk behaviors noted; Total to date – 22  
Current high risk behaviors:  
1} Use of incorrect train designation, by using symbol only.  
2} Job briefings form not completed.  
3} Switch handling, improper techniques

**REVIEW SAFETY RULE OF THE MONTH**

**TFO rule T-7 Knuckle replacement. Reviewed use of operating lever strap and its usability.**



<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
<b>YTD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2009 VANCOUVER TERMINAL INCLUDING COMMUTER RAIL**

	PI NON FRA'S	PI FRA	NON FRA TA	FRA TAs	CRV'S
Jan	2	1	10	0	0
Feb	3	0	5	0	2
Mar	1	0	3	0	0
April	0	2	3	0	0
May	2	0	2	1	0
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>YTD</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**YARD TRAIN ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS:**

**Incidents – 5**

**CRV - 0**

**SCRV - 0**

- 06/01** Roadswitcher crew opened customer gate at IOCO and secured it with an S-Clip. The clip became dislodged and gate swung back and after contacting the locomotive was damaged. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**
- 06/05** Shifted load on container CP527791. Car traveled from Vancouver to Coquitlam and was switched in Coquitlam. **Field Ops Human Error.**
- 06/06** While switching at the east end of track P4 the CP3005 derailed at a broken rail. **ES Cause.**
- 06/22** Yard crew spotting F01 experienced radio problems. Crew did not stop prior to contacting the stop blocks and derailling 1 set of trucks on the lead car. **Field Ops Human Error.**
- 06/24** Roadswitcher pulling east into K2 and derailed 2 cars at the west end K2 switch. Broken rail. **ES Cause.**

**YARD INJURIES:**

**Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 2**  
**Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 1**  
**Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) – 0**

**05/27 MIR** - Roadswitcher Engineer experienced circulation problems in legs account seat very high and feet unable to touch floor. Units have been modified.

**06/10 LTI** – Roadswitcher Trainman injured back while adjusting a drawbar on an Auto car.

**06/19 LTI** – Yard foreman lifted operating lever while switching and then the operating lever did not lift all the way. The employee sustained an injury to his bicep muscle.

**ROAD TRAIN ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS:**

**Incidents - 3**  
**CRV - 0**  
**SCRV - 0**

**05/27** Trespasser injury when walking at the east end of A-Yard. As a road crew was traveling west they noticed a female near the track and put there train into emergency. At the time of contact the movement was traveling at 4 MPH. Minor injury to female. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**

**05/28** Westshore terminal derailed CP9754 departing Dumber 32 at Roberts Bank. No injuries. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**

**06/11** Freight train traveling east on North Track at 35 MPH approaching level crossing at Mile 61.54 contacted a motor vehicle. Vehicle occupant was injured. Vehicle and unit had damage. No injuries to crew. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Track Cause.**

**ROAD INJURIES:**

**Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 0**  
**Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 1**  
**Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) - 0**

**06/22 MIR** Road employee at Roberts Bank injured knee after the knuckle he was changing fell and he attempted to avoid being struck by it.

**Injury Reviews Reports:** Nil.

**INVESTIGATION OF SAFETY RELATED OCCURRENCES PROTOCOL:**

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 RG-310 / under investigation, report to follow.

**CANADA LABOR CODE PART II: 1**

**06/11** Yard employee refused to work with the new digital trunking radio system implemented in Vancouver Terminal for use by yard crews. H&S Committee attended; Transport Canada attended and has ruled that there was no danger to the employee as defined in the Canada Labour Code Part II and 905-1-Interpretation Policy and Guidelines-062 due to the CROR Rules that require operating crews to comply with proper radio and switching procedures. The detailed investigation report and decision is posted on the Health and Safety Bulletin Board in the booking in rooms. An Assurance and Voluntary Compliance order was issued to provide instructions and training to employees on the use of the new radio system. This is to take place once a risk assessment has been completed.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**2008 04 03 – Halcon N. Bend taxi;** D. Letain / C. Neill  
[TABLED FOR FURTHER INQUIRY/ Refer to April 2009 minutes](#)

**May 2009**

Escalated to SAM to be reviewed, before going to policy committee.

**June 2009**

**Sent to policy committee.**

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**2008-08-05- Better advertisement of Safety Issues** D. Letain / K Hamilton

Placing safety related items on DOBs and placing pre-departures checklists and job aids on the RIT. It was recently noted CN was doing this on their TGBO

**November 2008**

Safety related items may be incorporated in the RIT; this is being investigated by programming and may be incorporated in February 2009.

An information sheet is being developed to give employees current information about hazards in the work place and ES activities.

**December 2008**

Information sheet is still being developed and will become available in the New Year.

**January 2009**

The pre-departure checklist booklet is being received well.

**February 2009**

New program that is under development and was due to be released this month but has been delayed due to issues on the DM&E, it is now scheduled for Q3 2009

**March 2009**

The pre-departure check list booklet will be ordered and available to employees as an option.

**April 2009**

Books have been ordered and will await arrival.

**May 2009**

**Waiting for computer design from Bob Schick scheduled for September 2009.**

**Also a daily safety sheet will be looked at for Vancouver terminal updates.**

**June 2009 - As above.**

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**2008-11-04 Gap between the two bridges at Mile 6.7 Cas. Sub.** K Hamilton / D Letain  
To be investigated by ES.

**December 2008**

Structure supervisor has confirmed that plywood has been installed as of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**February 2009**

NOT complete

The wrong bridge was worked on. The bridge is the one at mile 6.6 it is the gap between the two bridges in the devils trip where an employee slipped into that needs to be filled in.

**March 2009**

ES has reported that the gap at 6.6 has been repaired; this will be verified by H&S employees.

**April 2009**

The gap at 6.7 has been repaired but 6.6 is still outstanding. Engineering will be contacted as to what can be done at this location.

**May 2009**

An inspection was completed by structures; work is scheduled to be completed by June 15 2009. Inspected by D Letain / R Kotylak

**June 2009**

**Work performed and gap has been covered.**

**Complete**

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**2009-01-04 C-9 Conditions** C Neill / B Thiede

Garbage over flowing on engines, and C-9 E/E, health and safety hazard. Engines not being serviced by shops.

**February 2009**

Area has been cleaned and safety inspection made by managers. Garbage dispensers will be looked at for the area.

**March 2009**

Brian Galloway is in contact with Waste Management to explore viable options. Truck access is a challenge. Update at April meeting.

**April 2009**

Two recycle bins have been ordered and received. Four garbage cans are ordered and should arrive the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>. All cans will be secured to the each pole. And the area will be cleaned and monitored.

**May 2009**

Bins have been ordered and will be installed on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**June 2009**

**Bins are in place. Crews were instructed on the use of these bins as opposed to the ground.**

**COMPLETE**

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**2009-02-02 Hi Vis Back packs** D Letain/C Neill

Re-introduce my original idea to design a hi vis back pack for the employees. Will check with AGO to see if anything is available.

**March 2009**

Information received from Kevin Sholes manager of safety programs, there is no hi-vis back packs from AGO, but, there is a distributor in London Ontario and West Van that has these certain products available and will be pursued as a product for us to use.

The question of if a back pack without hi-vis is against the hi-vis policy, it is not, even though care must be taken, they are within the parameters of the policy.

**April 2009**

Meeting with C Neill, D Letain and G Ranson with Claude Geldart of Sportsmark. Communications have been made through Jennifer Hunt and through CP marketing. D Letain has been in communication with Kevin Sholes and a demo bag will be submitted for safety and regulatory review.

**May 2009**

I have discussed with CP marketing, VANOC and Sportsmark, a prototype will be made and sent to CP accounts in Vancouver and made available to CP Coquitlam as well as the union. The anticipated release will be in 3 weeks.

**June 2009**

**Awaiting delivery of 1<sup>st</sup> run backpack to give to committee for approval and distribution.**

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**2009-03-03**

**Asbestos in the workplace** B Thiede / C Neill

**Engine 1620 has been identified to have asbestos in the heating vents when all other units have had the fatal product removed, why?**

**It is also requested which other engines in use still have asbestos present?**

**April 2009**

Have received a report that Golder assoc.

SW 1200 Electrical Cabinet (Rear) - Component Mounting Board  
GP 7/9 Short Hood (Access Door) - Pipe Putty  
GP 7/9 Cab (Step Heater Duct) - Insulation  
GP 7/9 Electrical Panel Resistor (Rear Electrical Cabinet) - Transite Board  
GP 38-2 Short Hood (Hood) - Fireproof Paint

Would like more detail on the information received on "LOW FRIABILITY".

When was inventory taken and is the report available to us?

**May 2009**

Arrange a conference call with the Industrial hygienist Brian MacQuarrie to discuss the term "low friability" and its long term affect on the employees using the equipment and if a hazard is present. To be forwarded to the SAM for his review.

**June 2009**

**Information request:**

- **How was the inspection performed?**
- **What were the inspector's qualifications?**
- **Where is the inspection report and can it be provided to Committee?**
- **How is this equipment continually inspected to ensure asbestos is still sealed and no fibers are being release?**
- **Do the testers and everyone realize these locomotives get banged around on daily basis, what is the worker protection if the asbestos comes loose without anyone's knowledge?**

These questions will be forwarded to CP's Industrial Hygienist and then conference call is to take place to discuss a resolve.

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**2009-03-05 AEI placement in A-yard X-yard** Action: M Rokosh / B Thiede

**Due to there close proximity to the rail and working area, how will they be protected? These are mid-yard track readers for checking purposes. Once complete hi-vis markings should be used to identify.**

**April 2009**

A white strobe light has been installed on these units and poses a blinding issue.

Hi-vis marking has been installed on some of the units.

**May 2009**

**These units are not yet in service and a light diffuser will be looked into to reduce the intensity of the flashing strobe, as of now it serves no purpose and is considered a hazard to switching operations.**

**June 2009**

**Risk Assessment is to be conducted on the new AEI use.**

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**2009-03-06**

**Parking of trucks and debris foul of Tilbury tracks {SCR 006-09}**

Action: F Herbold / K Thomas

**April 2009**

The Company that uses the land was notified and advised to clean the area. They were told to park the trucks further from the tracks and install concrete curbs. Cleaning is complete and truck parking will be monitored for another month.

**May 2009**

Inspection confirms compliance, to be monitored for 1 more month

**June 2009**

**No concrete curbs have been installed and lack of cleaning is still occurring.**

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**2009-04-01 Water Storage Shack - P Stewart / F Herbold**

**Install spring on door of shack holding bottled drinking.**

**May 2009**

Not yet installed, to be complete by next meeting.

**June 2009**

**Not yet done. Plan is to install set of double door to allow for easy loading, auto closing will addressed at that time.**

**2009-05-01 Radio Communication - C Neill / B Thiede**

**There is a crossover of radio communications from the Vancouver Terminal RTC on all yard frequencies.**

**June 2009**

**Channel 5 authorities appear to be the main concern, Radio shops to be contacted.**

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**2009-05-02 ES work V/T ES Work Program - M Rokosh / B Thiede**

**What is next on the agenda for the ES to work on in the Vancouver terminal re: site lines, yard conditions etc.**

**June 2009**

**Work program agenda has been provided; work for this year has been completed. Brushcutting is on going.**

**COMPLETE**

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**2009-05-03 ES Debris Cascade Sub ES work Program (SCR – 020) - J. Hnatiuk / D Letain**

**Debris left over from ES at W/E approach signal to Spuzzum, tracks 1 and 2 tracks at Old Ruby Cascade Sub.**

**June 2009**

**This has been completed.**

**COMPLETE**

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**2009-05-04 Uneven footing (SCR-020) - J Hnatiuk / D Letain**

**Dips and Valleys causing a tripping hazard between tracks A and B at Old Ruby Cascade Sub.**

**June 2009**

**Corrected by ES**

**COMPLETE**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2009-06-01- Storage of Material in Yard Office. Fred Herbold/Kim Hamilton**  
Inappropriate storage of office supplies on yard office floor creating tripping hazards.

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**2009-06-02 – Crew Truck Dry Box – Fred Herbold/K. Hamilton**  
The box supplied to keep grips dry, this is causing hazard in itself. We have suggested a tarp be used.

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**2009-06-03 – C3 Bridge Walkway Brush Obstruction – B. Thiede/K. Hamilton**  
Coquitlam River bridge walkway for C3 extension is obstructed by overgrown trees.

**RISK ASSESSMENT:** NIL

## **SAFETY FRAMEWORK ACTIVITY UPDATES**

Updated

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Danny Letain** – Job aids for RB are being revised and additional job aids is being developed for review of the Committee. Employees need to take the time to review the TFops safety book to ensure proper procedures are followed.

**Kim Hamilton**- Safety concerns brought forth at safety blitz has been addressed. TerraLink at Veddar 7 alarm system for rail movement within the facility, new system has to identified, use instructions will be discussed and put out to employees.

**Gerry Ranson on behalf of Craig Neill** –Safety Blitz appeared to be successful with good content and a 69% exposure to R/Ts, normally it is around 55-60%, thanks to those that participated. It should be noted previous tracking was done of all employees we are only tracking working employees now.

**Linda Lawrence** – Job Briefing version 2 will be going print very soon. If the Committee has any ideas, they should provide them to me asap.

Last week with assistance from Pat Stewart we were able to obtain ergonomic video material for on RailCity and training material.

**Pat Stewart** – Like to thank Committee for the opportunity to take part in the development of the ergo training video, it was an educational experience.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **FATIGUE COUNTER MEASURES SUB COMMITTEE:** J Hnatiuk/D Letain

**June 2009** - Line Ups for DeltaPort (#114) trains are not being voiced on the VRU while it displays on crew line up information.

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### **Fatigue Management Programs**

#### **Scope**

This document applies to all CP Managers/Supervisors within Operations.

#### **Resources**

- Fatigue Management Implementation Project Plan.xls
- CP Fatigue Management Program - Fargo.ppt

Looking for further information from corporate office.

**June 2009** - As per the Co-Chairs, this matter was forwarded to the Policy Committee as they already had a Fatigue item on there agenda. To be removed from minutes.

### **WESTCOAST EXPRESS SUB COMMITTEE** C Neill/Mel Schille

No report / No update

Would like to know how West Coast Express is dealing with the new E-Device Policy. This policy is confusing many employees expressed concern to us during the pre-departure meetings about how it is to be used.

### **VIF SUB COMMITTEE:** C Neill

Attended June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Participated in safety blitz with observations and yard inspection: see attached.

127 days injury free. Next meeting July 7th

### **Coast Meridian Overpass Safety Sub Committee:** K Hamilton /B Zeglinski

Coast Meridian Overpass June Update:

No update

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### **YARD MAINTENANCE SUB-COMMITTEE:** P Stewart/F Herbold/

No report

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**PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST SUB-COMMITTEE** – J Duggan / B Thiede

No report

**YARD ENGINE SUB-COMMITTEE** C Neill-F Herbold

Discussion on engines 1443-1442 have been ongoing about having a sub floor installed to raise the height of the floor to seat ratio so an operator can touch his feet to the floor.

There have been numerous ergonomic and safety concerns from users of this type of design and consist, further investigation is required.

The installation of an engineer's wing mirror on yard engines has not been implemented by the shops, this is a safety and ergonomic concern for the locomotive engineers that use these engines, a more proactive direction needs to be taken.

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES WP&CS FOR JULY 2009**

Saturday June 27 LC and H&S Committee to review RB Job aids. Hnatiuk/Letaim

TerraLink spotting instruction – Hamilton/Letaim

**Customer inspection:**

Grain and Refineries to be done. Tillbury will also be inspected – K Hamilton/ P. Stewart/F Herbold

**Work place inspections:**

VIF – C. Neill.

Coquitlam yard – K Hamilton/ F. Herbold

**Health and safety Schedule 10 tracking document**

To be updated before next meeting

**ADJOURNED: 13:39**

**RUNNING TRADES WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

  
**Danny Letain**  
Co-chair

  
**Kim Hamilton**  
Co-chair

Next regular meeting for the H&S Committee will be held Wednesday July 22/09 at 0900 on the 2nd floor, boardroom of the Coquitlam Yard Office.